

was started by President Clinton and has been in effect now for a couple of years. About 25,000 AmeriCorps volunteers are earning college money by serving their local communities. The Republican budget proposals, however, would eliminate funding for President Clinton's national service program.

On Pell grants, the President has called for increasing the number and maximum award which would help 375,000 more students benefit from Pell grants by the year 2000. The Republican budget that the President vetoed denies 380,000 deserving students a Pell grant college scholarship.

Head Start is another educational program that on a bipartisan basis President Reagan, President Bush and others on the Republican side have advocated Head Start and encouraged it. Yet the GOP budget would deny Head Start benefits to 180,000 children over the next 7 years.

These are just some of the examples of the education programs that would be cut and should not be cut if we are going to the invest in our students and our young people in this country.

WASTE AND WHITEWATER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized during morning business for 2 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was important to be home in the district work break to be able to interact and listen.

I would simply like to ask a reasonable question of reasonable men and women. I recall in 1974 when a bipartisan Congress did something that was extremely charging and emotional, and that was to review the Presidency of the United States. It seemed to be in a period of only 1 month they came together in a bipartisan manner to uphold the Constitution. Do my colleagues realize that the hearings in the other body, Whitewater hearings, have cost this country \$900,000, \$900,000?

In addition, it is duplicative of the special prosecutor that continues. And now we have them asking to extend it to July, just a month before the conventions. Might I wonder what this is all about? Politics in the worst sort of way?

When we met with educational officials and students throughout my district, I remember a principal in my district, Anita Ellis of Ryan Middle School pleading for Goals 2000 money and full funding of educational dollars to help children learn. The one thing my colleagues, the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. BENTSEN, learned is that public education is alive and well in Texas and in Houston, but \$900,000 for Whitewater?

Have they learned anything? Are they accomplishing anything? Are they not duplicating the special prosecutor? And yet we do not have a budget. Now

there is a question of whether the debt ceiling will be lifted. You know what the crisis in America is all about? People want jobs, and with a debt ceiling that is not lifted, we will not have any jobs.

So I would simply ask the simple question, let us get on with our business and let us stop the folly of Whitewater. Get on with the business of funding education. Get on with the business of the proposed legislation that I have, the Fairness and Equal Opportunity Act of 1996, which will restore the faith of minorities and women that this Government will be open to them for jobs, education, and contracts.

This is the work at hand, not the folly of spending more of our children's education dollars on more work that is already being done by the special prosecutor.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Office of the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the Psalmist prays,
The eyes of all look to you oh Lord, you give them meat in due season and, You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

And so this day we look to You, oh God, and also pray. For all that we already possess, we offer our gratitude, for our daily bread and all things we need for life and health, we humbly plead, and, for the peace of mind and soul that surpasses that of human design and construction, we make our petition this day.

Oh God, open Your hand of mercy and grace to us all. Where the great tragedy of hatred causes grief and pain, give comfort and hope. Where the great despair of hopelessness brings about a sense of futility and lack of purpose, bring a reason for being and Your love.

Hear us oh God, for this is our prayer. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BALLENGER] will lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 23, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he reports four deferral and four rescission proposals of budget authority under the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

DEFERRALS AND RESCISSION PROPOSALS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three new deferrals and one revised deferral, totaling \$3.6 billion, and four rescission proposals of budgetary resources, totaling \$140 million.

These deferrals affect the International Security Assistance programs as well as programs of the Agency for International Development. The rescission proposals affect the Department of Defense.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 23, 1996.

CASTRO: A COLD-BLOODED KILLER

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, last year, on the floor of the House, I